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SUBJECT: SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL VISIT TO DOMINICAN
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SUMMARY: SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION HEADED
BY MARIO SOARES WILL TRAVEL TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,
JAMAICA, MEXICO, VENEZUELA, AND COSTA RICA BEGINNING
MAR 15. THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY INTERNATIONAL
SECRETARY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT DOMINICAN PRESIDENT
BALAGUER UNDERSTAND THE CORRECTNESS OF THE DELEGATIONS'S
INTENTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL VISIT: A SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL
(SI) DELEGATION HEADED BY MARIO SOARES WILL LEAVE MAR 15
ON A MISSION TO VENEZUELA, MEXICO, COSTA RICA, THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND JAMAICA. SOCIALIST PARTY
(PS) INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY RUI MATEUS TOLD EMBOFF FEB 22
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THE STOPS WERE CHOSEN AS DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES WHERE
THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL HAD SOME LINKS.

2. THE COMINICAN STOP: MATEUS TOLD EMBOFF THAT
DOMINICAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY SECRETARY-GENERAL PENA
GOMEZ TOLD SI REPRESENTATIVES THE DELEGATION WOULD BE RECEIVED
WARLY BY PRESIDENT BALAGUER. MATEUS SAID THE SI

DELEGATION WILL MAINTAIN A "CORRECT POSTURE"
IN SANTO DOMINGO AND HOPES TO CALL ON PRESIDENT
BALAGUER. MATEUS SAID THE SI DELEGATION DOES NOT INTEND TO
INTERFERE IN DOMINICAN AFFAIRS AND WILL AVOID CAUSING ANY
EMBARRASSMENT TO THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT. MATEUS
SAID THAT DOMINICAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY PRESIDENT PENA
GOMEZ ASSURED THE SI DELEGATION THEY WOULD BE RECEIVED
WARLY BY PRESIDENT BALAGUER. NONETHELESS, SINCE THE
SI VISIT WILL BE A BOOST FOR THE PRD IN THE CAMPAIGN
PERIOD, MATEUS EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT PENA'S EVALUATION
AND ASKED US TO "PUT IN A GOOD WORD" WITH BALAGUER FOR THE SI
DELEGATION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: COULD EMBASSY PLEASE PROVIDE ITS
ASSESSMENT OF BALAGUER'S REACTION TO THE SI VISIT. IF
EMBASSY CONCURS REQUEST YOU PASS MATEUS'S ASSURANCE
ON TO THE DOMINICANS AT AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY.
JUDGING FROM SOARES'S PAST BEHAVIOR IN EARLIER SI
MISSIONS WE BELIEVE HE CAN BE COUNTED ON NOT TO EMBARRASS
THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT.
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